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SUBJECT: GENERAL DE BOISSIEU TO VISIT USSR, AS FRENCH BALANCING ACT
CONTINUES

1. AFP REPORTS FRENCH ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL DE BOISSIEU WILL VISIT USSR IN LATE APRIL. WHEN EMBOFF ASKED ARMED FORCES MINISTER GALLEY'S DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR SEILLIERE ABOUT VISIT APRIL 17, LATTER INDICATED IT SHOULD BE VIEWED AS "ROUTINE" EXCHANGE BETWEEN SENIOR FRENCH AND SOVIET MILITARY OFFICERS. SEILLIERE SAID HE DID NOT YET KNOW EXACT DATES OR ITINERARY OF DE BOISSIEU'S TRIP.

2. COMMENT: FRENCH WILL SEND GEN. DE BOISSIEU TO USSR VIRTUALLY SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH VISIT TO US OF ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF GEN. MAURIN. THIS TIMING REFLECTS CONTINUING BALANCING OF FRENCH HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS WITH US AND USSR IN DEFENSE FIELD -- AS IN 1972 SUMMER TOUR OF US BY THEN- DEFENSE MINISTER DEBRE, FOLLOWED BY FALL VISIT TO FRANCE OF SOVIET MARSHALL GRECHKO. GOF EVIDENTLY CONTINUES TO VALUE THIS
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BALANCING ACT IN DEMONSTRATING ITS ONGOING " INDEPENDENCE"
WITHIN ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. EXEMPT.
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